

In claim 15, lines 1 and 2, please delete -- any one of the preceding claims -- and insert in place thereof "claim 1".

In claim 16, lines 1 and 2, please delete -- any one of the preceding claims -- and insert in place thereof "claim 1".

Please cancel claim 20.

In claim 21, line 1, please delete -- or 19 -- after the number "18".

In claim 22, lines 1 and 2, please delete -- any of one claims 18-21 -- and insert in place thereof "claim 18".

In claim 23, lines 1 and 2, please delete -- any of one claims 18-22 -- and insert in place thereof "claim 18".

In claim 24, lines 1 and 2, please delete -- any of one claims 18-23 -- and insert in place thereof "claim 18".

In claim 27, line 1, please delete -- or 26 -- after the number "25".

Please cancel claim 28-30.

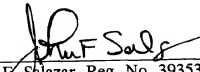
**REMARKS**

Please proceed with examination of the above referenced application taking into consideration the above listed preliminary amendment. After entry of this amendment, 26 claims remain in the present application, three independent. If further actions are required to complete such action, Applicant's Attorney would appreciate a call at 502 584 1135.

Respectfully submitted,

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